

Appl. No. 09/736,717
Amdt. dated July 8, 2005
Reply to Office action of April 21, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

"Scalable Computer System Using Password-Based Private Key Encryption,"
(~~Docket No. 20206-30 (P003014)~~), Serial No. 09/734,962, Filed
December 11, 2000;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

"Method And Apparatus For Enforcing The Separation Of Computer Operations
And Business Management Roles In A Cryptographic System," (~~Docket
No. 20206-31 (P003015)~~), Serial No. 09/736,718, Filed December
12, 2000;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

"Software Process Pre-Authorization Scheme For Applications On A Computer
System," (~~Docket No. 20206-32 (P00-3016)~~), Serial No. 09/735,088,
Filed December 11, 2000;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

"Multiple Cryptographic Key Linking Scheme On A Computer System," (~~Docket
No. 20206-33 (P00-3017)~~), Serial No. 09/735,087, Filed December
11, 2000;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

"Centralized Cryptographic Key Administration Scheme For Enabling Secure
Context-Free Application Operation," (~~Docket No. 20206-34 (P00-3416)~~),
Serial No. 09/736,715, Filed December 12, 2000;

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

"Scalable Computer System Using Remote Agents To Manipulate Cryptographic Keys," (~~Docket No. 20206-35 (P00-3417)~~), Serial No. 09/736,688, Filed December 12, 2000;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

"Computer System Having An Autonomous Process For Centralized Cryptographic Key ~~[[a]] Administration,~~" (~~Docket No. 20206-37 (P00-3019)~~), Serial No. 09/736,650, Filed December 12, 2000; and

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

"Computer System Employing A Split-Secret Cryptographic Key Linked To A Password-Based Cryptographic Key Security Scheme," (~~Docket No. 20206-38 (P00-3420)~~), Serial No. 09/735,215, Filed December 11, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention, therefore, is well adapted to carry out the objects and attain both the ends and the advantages mentioned, as well as other benefits inherent therein. While the present invention has been depicted, described, and is defined by reference to particular embodiments of the invention, such references do not imply a limitation to the invention, and no such limitation is to be inferred. The invention is capable of considerable modification, alternation, alteration, and equivalents in form and/or functions, as will occur to those of ordinary skill in the pertinent arts. For example, in at least some embodiments, applications that have access to the Key Repository are able to detect a missing key and check with the Key Repository for that key. If the missing key has been reissued, the applications

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receive a newly-issued key. The depicted and described embodiments of the invention are exemplary only, and are not exhaustive of the scope of the present invention. Consequently, the present invention is intended to be limited only by the spirit and scope of the appended claims, giving full cognizance to equivalents in all respect.